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Sir:

In response to the written restriction requirement dated February 26, 2009, the applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group 3 claims, *i.e.* claims 23-33, drawn to a method for the treatment or prevention of an inflammatory or hyperproliferative mucocutaneous disorder comprising administering a composition comprising a protease inhibitor and a gelling agent.

The applicants further elect the species of keratinisation, such as ichthyosis.

The applicants appreciate that this election of species has been required for the purposes of facilitating the search and expediting prosecution. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully submit that, upon an indication of allowable subject matter, the scope of the claims should not be limited to the elected species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

Respectfully submitted,

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